

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY
NRS 233B.0608**

LCB File No. R129-15

1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public. No comments were received from small businesses.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshops and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by U.S. mail to persons who were known to have an interest in speech-language pathology, audiology and the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids as well as any person who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board, www.nvspeechhearing.org, mailed to all county libraries in Nevada and posted at the following locations:

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
Administrative Office
6160 Mae Anne Ave., Suite 3, Reno, Nevada 89523
Office of the Attorney General, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
Office of the Attorney General, 5420 Kietzke Lane, Ste 202, Reno, Nevada 89511
Office of the Attorney General, Grant Sawyer State Office Building,
555 E. Washington Avenue #3900, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
Washoe County Court House, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89520
Washoe County Clerk, 1001 E. 9th St. Bldg A, P.O. Box 30083, Reno, Nevada 89502

A Workshop was held to solicit comments on the proposed regulations on November 21, 2015. There were 10 individuals representing small business or the public in attendance at the workshop, no written comments were received. Thereafter, on or about March 25, 2016, a Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations was issued.

A Public Hearing was held on April 30, 2016; there was one individual representing interested parties present; no oral comments were heard, one written comment was received.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board, P.O. Box 34540, Reno, Nevada 89533-4540, 775-787-3421, or email to board@nvspeechhearing.org.

2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted, including the methods used to determine the impacts of the proposed regulation on small business.

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes.

In making this determination, the Board considered whether or not the speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practitioners regulated by the Board will have their practice impacted. On the whole, the speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practices will not be impacted to any degree that a small business will be affected.

3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and

(b) Both direct and indirect effects.

The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board has determined that the adopted regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects

There will be no adverse economic effect of these adopted regulations on small businesses. The Board regulates individuals in the practice of speech-language pathology, audiology and the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The adopted regulations will benefit small business and the speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practitioners by providing clarifications to the regulations.

(b) Both Direct and indirect effects.

Direct effect will be to improve and clarify existing law and regulatory requirements. Small business may experience the indirect effect of having more knowledgeable practitioners.

4. A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the content and nature of the regulation changes. No other methods were utilized.

5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There are no additional costs involved in the enforcement of these adopted regulations.

6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The regulation revises the licensing fee structure to conform with AB115 revisions to NRS, standardizing the fee structure for all professions. All fees will be utilized to support the Board functions to license and regulate the professions of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Specialists. The annual revenue from all fees is estimated at \$130,000.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board is not aware of any similar federal, state or local standards regulating the practice of speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing. These adopted regulations do not duplicate nor are they more stringent than federal, state or local standards.

8. The reasons for the conclusion of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board regulates the practice of speech-language pathology, audiology and fitting and dispensing of hearing aids and licenses qualified individuals as speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid specialists.

The adopted regulations do not impact small businesses as the regulations specifically address the examination for dispensing hearing aids, in-service training program for apprentice hearing aid specialists, duties related to dispensing of hearing aids including continuing education, records requirements, and requirements for renewal and reinstatement of certain licenses for speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid specialists.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge or belief a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that this statement was properly prepared and the information contained herein is accurate.


Executive Director

